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## **THURSDAY'S SYSTEMS INTEGRATION WORK GROUP POSTPONED**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Thursday's (Sept. 15) scheduled meeting of the Systems Integration Work Group has been postponed until October 4 to give other work groups additional time to refine recommendations on Kentucky's new accountability system.

The accountability work groups, as support to the Accountability Steering Committee, are working to design various elements of Kentucky's school accountability system under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – the new federal law governing public education. Each group is focusing on a specific area of the system including assessment, college- and career-readiness, educational innovations, opportunity and access, and school improvement. All groups will consider overarching themes, such as how to close the achievement gap.

The Systems Integration Work Group is made up of the chairs of each of the main work group committees along with a few additional members and will look at how the entire system works together.

Each work group will make recommendations to the Accountability Steering Committee, which will in turn make recommendations on the overall system to Commissioner of Education Stephen Pruitt. The Kentucky Board of Education must approve any changes in the accountability system. The current timeline calls for the new system to be in place for the 2017-18 school year.

An agenda for the October 4 Systems Integration Work Group meeting will be distributed at a later date.

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